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SUBJECT: SOME EGYPTIAN REACTION TO WOODWARD ARTICLE ON CIA
AID TO KING HUSSEIN

1. SUBSTANCE OF WOODWARD ARTICLE ON ALLEGED PAST CIA FINANCIAL
ASSISTANCE TO KING HUSSEIN IS WIDELY KNOWN HERE. AMBASSADOR
AND EMBOFFS HAVE RECEIVED NUMEROUS QUERIES ABOUT IT.

2. FOR EXAMPLE, FAHMY TELEPHONED AMBASSADOR TWO EVENINGS
AGO TO ASK ABOUT THE STORY. HE NOTED STORY MAKES HUSSEIN
LOOK LIKE "LONG-TIME CIA AGENT" AND WILL DOUBTLESS HURT THE
KING'S CREDIBILITY IN THE ARAB WORLD. HE WONDERED IF, IN
THE LIGHT OF THE WOODWARD REVELATIONS, KING HUSSEIN
WOULD STILL BE INVITED TO THE US OR, IF INVITED, WHETHER
HUSSEIN WOULD GO. HE OPINED HUSSEIN WOULD BE MAKING A MISTAKE
IF HE GOES, SINCE HIS CREDIBILITY IN THE AREA WILL BE FURTHER
IMPUGNED BY SUCH A TRIP AT THIS TIME. (FAHMY HAS NEVER HAD ANY
USE FOR HUSSEIN AND HIS COMMENTS SHOULD BE READ IN THAT LIGHT.)

3. MFA UNDERSECRETARY AHMED OSMAN ALSO QUERIED AMBASSADOR
ABOUT THE REPORT. HE WAS CONVINCED THAT THE ISRAELIS HAD
LEAKED THE INFORMATION IN AN EFFORT TO EMBARRASS USG AND
JORDAN. (OSMAN SEES AN ISRAELI BEHIND EVERY BUSH.)

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4. WE HAVE TAKEN POSITION THAT WE HAVE NO COMMENT ON THE
STORY. UNFORTUNATELY, SUCH A RESPONSE TENDS TO LEND MORE
CREDIBILITY TO IT HERE.
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